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Public Health Inspector

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE AMPTHILL RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report upon the health, vital statistics and sanitary conditions of the district for the year 1959.

The incidence of infectious disease, apart from measles, was low.

There had been no incident which has affected the health of the district during the year. The death rate remained low and the birth rate this year was also low; infant mortality was again low.

Unfortunately a start has not yet been made with the badly needed schemes of mair drainage. Progress in dealing with the 200 houses listed in 1955 as being unfit for human habitation, has been very satisfactory and only about 40 of these still need to be dealt with

In conclusion, I wish to thank the members of the Council and Council staff for thei help and co-operation during the year, and in particular Mr. Foley who has been responsible for the major part of the year's work recorded in this report.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,

H. S. BURY,

Medical Officer of Health.

July, 1960.

Ampthill Rural District Council

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for 1959

OFFICERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT:-

Medical Officer of Health: H. S. BURY, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector: W. J. FOLEY, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector: L. DANIEL, M.A.P.H.I.

GENERAL STATISTICS RELATING TO THE DISTRICT:

Area	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •		62,333 acres
Population	ı :									
Census	for 195	1								22,921
Registra	r Gener	ral's e	estimate	of hor	ne pop	ulatior	n mid-y	ear 195	9	24,680
Number o	f inhat	oited	houses							7,979
Rateable	alue									£272,057
Sum repre	esented	by a	Penny	Rate						Est. £1,080

. SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA:—

From a scenic point of view the district as a whole is one of the most attractive and eautiful areas in Bedfordshire and as yet unspoiled by large industrial development.

The principal employers in the North and West are the brickworks at Lidlington and Lidgmont, with Stewartby just inside the Bedford Rural District. There are also light regineering factories at Cranfield and Aspley Guise. Other large places of employment re the Ebonite Works at Houghton Conquest, a brush works at Flitwick, and a tool factory t Westoning. The Aeronautical College at Cranfield and the National Institute of Agriultural Engineering at Silsoe have greatly added to the status of these villages while the rowth of Lower Stondon is largely due to the R.A.F. Aerodrome and Training Centre t Henlow Camp.

Flitwick, served by a main railway, is largely a dormitory area for Luton and Bedford there many are employed in the factories and offices of these large towns.

Intensive market gardening is the principal occupation in the light sandy soil around daulden, Flitwick, Flitton and Clophill and agriculture affords the greater part of employment within the district.

Aspley Guise, Aspley Heath and Woburn are mainly residential in character.

4. VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births—Legitimate Illegitimate					Males 214 8	Females 159 11	Tota 37 1'
			Total		222	170	39
Crude Birth Rate Adjusted Birth Rate (The comparability factor for the compared with :—	 the Di	16.1	d	lo.	populati	on	ı
Average of last 5 years		15.0 p	er 1,000	home	populati	ion	
Rate for Bedfordshire Rate for England & Wales		19.4 16.5		lo. lo.			
Rate for England & Wales	• •	10.5			Males	Females	Tot
Still Births—Legitimate	• •	• •	• •	• •	4	3	
Illegitimate	••	••	••	• •			_
			Total	• •	4	3	
Still Birth Rate		17.5 p	er 1,000	live a	nd still b	irths	
As compared with :							
Average of last 5 years Rate for Bedfordshire Rate for England & Wales		24.3 19.9 20.7	do do do).			
Deaths—					Males	Females	Tot
Deaths in the District Transferred into District Transferred from District					97 61 9	108 55 16	20
			Total		149	147	2
							-
Crude Death Rate Adjusted Death Rate (The comparability factor for As compared with:—		11.3	•	do.	e populat	tion	
Average of last 5 years		10.2 [per 1,000) home	e popula	tion	
Rate for Bedfordshire Rate for England & Wales		10.8 11.6		do. do.			
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age—	-				36.1	Francisco	То
Legitimate					Males 2	Females 4	То
Illegitimate		• •	• •	• •	_		
			Total		2	4	
Infant Mortality Rate		15.3	per 1,00	0 relat	ed live b	irths	
As compared with :							
Average of last 5 years Rate for Bedfordshire Rate for England & Wales		24.9 19.7 22.0		do. do. do.			
		4					

Deaths connected with Childbirth—

Maternal Mortality Nil per 1,000 total (live and still) births.

As compared with :---

Average of last 5 years . . . 0.54 do. Rate for Bedfordshire . . 0.43 do. Rate for England & Wales . . 0.38 do.

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

	CAUSES			DER EARS	15	-65	0V 6	er 5	тот	ΓAL
			М	F	М	F	М	F	М	F
1 '	Tuberculosis, respiratory						1		1	
	Tuberculosis, other									١.,
3	Syphilitic disease				1				1	٠.
	Diphtheria									٠.
	Whooping Cough									١
	Meningococcal infections									٠.
	Acute poliomyelitis									٠.
	Measles									
	Other infective and parasitic diseases				• •	1	1		1	1
	Malignant neoplasm, stomach				1	1	3	2	4	3
	Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	• •			6		6	1	12	1
	Malignant neoplasm, breast					1		3		4
	Malignant neoplasm, uterus				٠.			4		4
	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	s			8	3	10	7	18	10
	Leukaemia, aleukaemia						1		1	
	Diabetes			• •	٠.		2		2	
	Vascular lesions of nervous systems	• •		1	3	3	15	23	18	27
	Coronary disease, angina	• •		• •	11	8	17	8	28	16
	Hypertensions with heart disease		• •		3	1		::	3	
0	Other heart disease	• •			2	3	14	32	16	35
	Other circulatory disease	• •	• •	• •	1	• •	4	5	5	5
	Influenza	• •				• •	2	٠.	2	1 .
3	Pneumonia	• •		2			4	3	4	1
	Bronchitis	• •		• •	٠.	2	9	6	9	1
	Other diseases of respiratory system				3				3	
	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	• •	• •	• •	• •			·:		•
	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea					• :		1		
8	Nephritis and nephrosis	• •			1	1	1	1	2	1
9	Hyperplasia of prostate	• •				• •	1		1	
0	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	• •		• •	• •		• •			
1	Congenital malformations	• •	.:	2			٠.	1.5		
2	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	• •	2		2	2	5	15	9	1
3	Motor vehicle accidents	• •			4	2		• •	4	
4	All other accidents	• •	1		3	2		• •	4	
35	Suicides	• •	• •		1	1		• •	1	1
16	Homicide and operations of war									
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CAUSE OF DEATH IN INFANTS

Pneumonia	 	 1
Congenital Abnormality	 	 3
Prematurity	 	 1
Cerebral Haemorrhage	 	 1

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES IN TH. AREA.

PROVIDED BY THE NORTH WEST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD:

General Hospitals:-

Bedford General Hospital, South Wing, Kempston Road, Bedford. Bedford General Hospital, North Wing, Kimbolton Road, Bedford. The Luton and Dunstable Hospital, Luton. St. Mary's Hospital, Luton.

Infectious Disease Hospital:-

Spittlesea Isolation Hospital, Spittlesea, nr. Luton, Beds.

Cliest Clinics (for Pulmonary Tuberculosis):—

Bedford General Hospital, North Wing, Kimbolton Road, Bedford. St. Mary's Hospital, Luton.

Venereal Disease Clinics:-

Bedford General Hospital (South Wing): Wednesday, 5—7 p.m., Friday, 3—5 p.m.

Luton and Dunstable Hospital:

Monday to Friday, 8.30 a.m.—8.30 p.m., Saturday, 8.30 a.m.—12 noon,

PROVIDED BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE.

Bacteriological Laboratories:—

Public Health Laboratory, Lewsey Road, Luton.

Bedford General Hospital, North Wing, Kimbolton Road, Bedford.

PROVIDED BY THE BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Ambulance Service:-

The service provided by the Bedfordshire County Council has satisfactorily met the needs of the area. It covers the full 24 hours, and is free of charge.

In addition to moving emergency cases, ambulance or sitting case car transport available for carrying patients unable to travel by other means to and from Hospitals an Clinics, when attendance is necessary for the purpose of receiving medical treatment.

Except in the case of an emergency, the request for an ambulance must be made be a Medical Practitioner or other authorised person. This should be to the nearest depo

The service now also covers the removal to isolation hospitals of patients suffering from infectious disease.

Depots are situated as follows:— Telephone:

BEDFORD

Bedford Road, Kempston.

Bedford 533

AMPTHILL

14 Dunstable Street.

Ampthill 333

BIGGLESWADE Crab Lane

DUNSTABLE

LUTON

High Street, North

Leicester Road

LINSLADE (Bucks. County Council)

10 New Road

RUSHDEN

Rushden & District Motor Ambulance

Association.

Mr. C. C. Woods, 3 Purvis Road

Domiciliary Nursing and Midwifery Service:—

This Service is administered by the Northern Divisional Committee.

The nurses employed are:spley Guise (Burrows Close only)

spley Heath, Battlesden, Eversholt, Milton Bryan,

otsgrove, Tingrith and Woburn

spley Guise (except Burrow's Close)

Iusborne Crawley, Ridgmont

Gravenhurst, Higham Gobion, Shillington, Silsoe

Aillbrook

lophill, Haynes, Maulden

litwick, Steppingley, Flitton and Greenfield

ranfield, Hulcot and Salford

Aarston Morteyne, Lidlington

loughton Conquest (midwifery only)

loughton Conquest (general nursing only)

ulloxhill

Vestoning and Harlington

* S.R.N. † S.E.A.N. ‡ S.C.M.

lealth Visiting Service :-

Houghton Conquest, Haynes, Maulden, Clophill, Silsoe, Flitton,

Pulloxhill, Westoning and Harlington Cranfield, Marston Morteyne, Millbrook Hulcote and Salford, Lidlington, Aspley Guise, Husborne

Crawley, Ridgmont, Steppingley, Flitwick, Aspley Heath,

Woburn, Eversholt, Tingrith, Potsgrove, Milton Bryan, Battlesden Shillington, Gravenhurst, Higham Gobion

* S.R.N. † H.V. † S.C.M.

Iome Help Service:-

ORGANISER: Mrs. V. M. Van Berckelger, 3 St. Peter's Street, Bedford Tel. Bedford 2207.

Biggleswade 2295

Dunstable 761

Luton 4600

Leighton Buzzard 3332

Rushden 2403

Nurse N. Hile*‡ Phone: Woburn 213

Nurse E. H. Saggers†‡

Phone: Woburn Sands 3351

Nurse M. Lavin*t Phone: Shillington 267 Nurse L. E. Stockbridge*‡ Phone: Ampthill 2261

Nurse C. Wagstaff†‡ Phone: Ampthill 2182 Nurse B. M. Chinnock†1

Phone: Flitwick 276 Vacancy

Nurse I. Poole*‡

Phone: Lower Shelton 343

Nurse M. Clark†‡ Phone: Kempston 2172 Nurse F. K. Patton*‡

Phone: Kempston 2079 Nurse E. R. Miller†‡

Phone: Cardington 205 Nurse R. E. Kibblewhite*†

Phone: Hexton 270 Nurse J. C. Butcher†‡ Phone: Toddington 298

> Mrs. Groom*†‡ Miss Maberly*†1

Miss French*†1

Miss Lavin*†‡

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Child Welfare Clinics :-

Aspley Guise-Parish Hall, Tuesday p.m. fortnightly.

Clophill—Methodist Schoolroom, Tuesday p.m. every four weeks.

Cranfield-Memorial Hall, Tuesday p.m. fortnightly.

Cranfield College—Tuesday p.m. every four weeks.

Flitwick-Methodist Schoolroom, Friday p.m. weekly.

Haynes-Church Hall, Thursday p.m. fortnightly.

Houghton Conquest-Village Hall, Monday p.m. every four weeks.

Lidlington-Parish Hall, Wednesday p.m. fortnightly.

Marston Morteyne-Jubilee Hall, Thursday p.m. fortnightly.

Marston Shelton-Methodist Schoolroom, Thursday p.m. fortnightly.

Maulden—Church Hall, Thursday p.m. fortnightly. Ridgmont—Village Hall, Thursday p.m. fortnightly.

Shillington—Congregational Schoolroom, Wednesday p.m. fortnightly.

Westoning-Old School Hall, Wednesday p.m. fortnightly.

Woburn-Town Hall, Wednesday p.m. fortnightly.

Ante-Natal Clinics :-

Ampthill, 1 Dunstable Street—Friday a.m. fortnightly. Shillington Congregational Schoolroom—Wednesday p.m. fortnightly.

School Clinics: -

St. Peter's Clinic, 3 St. Peter's Street, Bedford.

Child Guidance. . . . 4 sessions weekly
Dental (2 surgeries) . . . sessions as required
Orthoptic 6 sessions weekly
Speech therapy 4 sessions weekly
4 sessions weekly

Sunlight when specially arranged

6. LEGISLATION IN FORCE.

Byelaws and Regulations :-

Building Byelaws. Slaughter Houses. Water Regulations and Charges. Sale and delivery of food.

7. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

(a) WATER SUPPLY

Revised total of new mains laid since 1946 is as follows:— 3 in.—19,224 yard 4 in.—8,223 yards, 6 in.—10,483 yards, 9 in.—6,500 yards, 10 in.—800 yards.

Generally, adequate supplies are available in all parts of the district, although at perperiods in exceptionally dry periods low pressure occurs at Haynes.

In spite of the exceptionally dry summer it was not found necessary to restrict suppli in any way although on one or two occasions it was necessary to operate all the works full capacity.

A small elevated storage tank has been erected at Milton Bryan, improving the pressu in the parish and at the same time enabling the use of the well in the village as a stora reservoir to be discontinued.

The supply for Woburn, Milton Bryan and Potsgrove is taken from the Birchmo Joint Water and Drainage Committee's works at Aspley Guise. The supply for Ridgmo and Husborne Crawley is obtained from a shallow well at Crawley Mill and is pumped the tower at Ridgmont. A chlorinating plant has now been installed here. A scheme being prepared for supplying these two parishes with water obtained from the Birchmo Joint Water and Drainage Committee.

PULLOXHILL WATERWORKS

(Chemical results in parts per million)

Appearance: Bright with a few particles.

Furbidity: Less than 3. Colour: Nil. Ddour: Nil. pH: 7.3.

Odour: Nil. pH: 7.3. Free Carbon Dioxide: 15. Electric (

Free Carbon Dioxide: 15. Electric Conductivity: 375.

Fotal Solids: 280. Chlorine present as Chloride: 17.

Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate: 150. Hardness: Total 205.

Carbonate: 150. Non-carbonate: 55.

Nitrate Nitrogen: 0.0.

Ammoniacal Nitrogen: 0.000.

Albuminoid Nitrogen: 0.000.

Nitrite Nitrogen: Absent.

Oxygen absorbed: 0.15.

Residual Chlorine: 0.17.

Metals: Iron—0.10, other metals absent.

This sample is practically clear and bright in appearance, neutral in reaction and free rom metals apart from a minute trace of iron. The water is hard in character but not unduly o, it contains no excess of mineral constituents and it is of very satisfactory organic quality.

These results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

BIRCHMOOR PUMPING STATION, ASPLEY GUISE.

(Chemical results in parts per million)

Appearance: Clear and bright. Turbidity: Nil.

Colour : Nil. Odour : Nil.

oH: 7.2. Free Carbon Dioxide: 6.

Electric Conductivity: 215. Dissolved Solids dried at 180 C.: 145. Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate: 45.

lardness: Total 90. Carbonate: 45; Non-carbonate: 45.

Vitrate Nitrogen: 6.6.Nitrite Nitrogen: Absent.Ammoniacal Nitrogen: 0.000.Oxygen Absorbed: 0.20.Albuminoid Nitrogen: 0.000.Residual Chlorine: Absent.

letals: Absent.

This sample is clear and bright in appearance, neutral in reaction and free from iron nd other metals. The water is fairly soft in character and it contains no excess of mineral constituents in solution. It is of very satisfactory organic quality.

From the aspects of the chemical analysis these results are indicative of a pure and holesome water suitable for public supply purposes.

BACTERIOLOGICAL TESTING.

Tests from all public supplies are taken regularly and have proved satisfactory proughout the year.

The number of houses in the district which are not connected to the public water supply as been steadily reduced in recent years and there are now only 93 not so connected (1.1 per ent). These properties, which are generally in outlying areas, are supplied in all cases y shallow wells. Recent tests carried out have indicated that in the majority of cases the rater in these wells is contaminated, and owners have been advised to connect up to the nain supply, and where this is not possible to boil all water before use.

The slum clearance scheme has helped to reduce the number as a proper water supply one of the factors in determining the fitness of a house for human habitation.

RAINFALL.

1959 Month	TOTAL INCHES	GREATEST IN 24	RAINFALL HOURS DATE	NO. OF DAYS WITH .01 "	NO. OF DAYS WITH .04" OR MORE
Pulloxhill Pumping Station— January	3.44 0.05 1.45 1.63 0.48 0.56 3.06 0.96 0.10 1.45 1.97 3.41	1.08 0.03 0.36 0.49 0.21 0.11 1.62 0.35 0.07 0.47 0.28 0.45	6th 21st 3rd 16th 21st 25th & 28th 10th 12th 21st 26th 12th 3rd	16 2 12 14 6 9 10 6 2 13 15 24	12
Wrest Park, Silsoe: January	2.98 0.05 1.72 1.94 0.65 0.88 2.81 0.83 0.07 1.67 1.72 2.83	1.03 .04 .32 .37 .23 .35 1.48 .27 .07 .63 .48	6th 21st 3rd 16th 3rd 27th 10th 12th 21st 26th 17th 3rd	13 2 13 15 6 9 9 6 1 13 15 25	10 1 8 13 4 5 9 6 1 11 10 17

RAINFALL IN PREVIOUS 10 YEARS.

Year.	Woburn.	England & Wales.
1949	20.28	30.93
1950	30.37	40.2
1951	30.56	43.6
1952	26.31	35.5
1953	18.16	29.9
1954	30.27	42.7
1955	24.77	31.3
1956	24.77	35.2
	Pulloxhill	
1957	24.13	35.7
1958	30.05	41.6
1959	18.56	32.0

(b) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Considerable progress was made with the preparation of the main drainage schemes for Cranfield and Marston and Clophill, Maulden and Silsoe. The sewers and sewage Disposal Works at Woburn have been acquired by the Council from the Trustees of the Bedford Settled Estates and are being operated satisfactorily.

Aspley Guise and Aspley Heath are drained to the Aspley Guise Sewage Disposal Works which is jointly owned by this Council and Newport Pagnell Rural District Council.

(c) RIVERS AND STREAMS.

No action has been necessary.

(d) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

6 Parishes, Aspley Guise, Aspley Heath, Woburn, Flitwick, Harlington and Westoning, except for outlying properties, have water closets.

In the remaining 23 Parishes, a number of houses have water closets draining to cess-

pools, but the majority have pail closets.

On the new housing estates practically all Council Houses have water closets, and where the estates are sufficiently large, suitable disposal works are provided, elsewhere they have cesspool drainage.

(e) CLEANSING.

Twice weekly emptying of closet pails is carried out in 23 Parishes as a whole, and in he 6 Parishes where there is main drainage, outlying properties unable to drain to these sewers have their pails emptied also.

Cesspools are emptied on request throughout the district at intervals of 3 months free of charge. Where this is exceeded a charge of 25s. per emptying is levied by the Council.

Direct labour is employed with six vacuum tank motor emptiers.

The method of disposal is by means of spraying on agricultural land and depositing n two gravel pits in isolated parts of the district. Extreme difficulty is still being experienced with regard to the disposal and in addition the labour problem has been most acute.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

A fortnightly collection of household refuse serving every Parish throughout the district has been continued.

f) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

NUMBER AND NATURE OF INSPECTIONS MADE:

Public Health Act :--

Complaint						 	 40
Where nui	sances	were	found	 	 	 	 9
Drainage				 			93

	Cesspool	s										86
	Caravans											245
												18
	Infectiou			• •	• •							2
	Food Po	_		• •	• •	• •	• •					17
	Specimen		• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •		240
	Cleansin	_			• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	240
	Pig Sties	·						• •	• •	• •	• •	
	Water S	amples							• •		• •	46
	Places o			ıt							• •	9
	Polio Su											14
Housing	Acts:—											
Housing		a Цана	o Surve	N/C								631
	House t					••						132
	Prelimin			• •	• •	• •	• •	•				42
	House I	nspection	ons	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	•		68
	Revisits			• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	••	• •	33
	Compla	ints				• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	
	Rent A									• •	• •	16
Food on	nd Drugs											
1000 011	Slaughte											46
												58
	Butcher			• •	• •						, ,	21
	Cafes	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •					17
	Bakeho		• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •			2
	Fried F	ish Sho	pps	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	125
	License	d Premi	ises					• •	• •	• •	• •	
	Milk D	istribut	ors					• •	• •	• •	• •	3
	Ice Cre											8
	Meat I											689
					• •							5
			Other F									-
	Samplin				• •	• •	• •					10
	Canteer		• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •	• •			_
		C										
	School	Cantee	118	• •								1
	Mobile	Shops										100
	Mobile	Shops								rs)	• •	108
Provent	Mobile Other	Shops Food P	remises	 (Groce	 ers, Gr	eengro				rs)		108
Prevent	Mobile Other l	Shops Food P amage	remises by Pest	(Groce	 ers, Gr 949 :—	eengro	cers &			rs)		
	Mobile Other I tion of De Rodent	Shops Food P amage of Contro	remises by Pest ol	Groce Act 19	 ers, Gr 949 :— 	eengro	cers &	Confe	ctione	rs)		108
Miscell	Mobile Other leading of December 19 Nodent leading 19 Nodent leading 19 Nodent leading 19 Node	Shops Food P amage of Contro 'isits	remises by Pest ol	Groce Act 19	ers, Gr 949 :— 	eengro	ocers &	Confe	ctione:			108 215 225
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Notices :—					Served.	Completed.	Outstdg.
Number of Statutory Notices							
Act, 1936					12	11	I
Public Health Act, 1936	• •	• •	• •		_	_	_
Number of informal Notices	served	under	the Hou	using			
Act, 1936						_	
Public Health Act, 1936					66	31	35

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Rent Act 1957 :-

Kent Act 1957 ;—				
Number of Disrepair Certificates	 	 2	_	_
Number of Intentions to Serve	 	 2	_	_

g) SHOPS AND PREMISES.

Food and Drugs Act 1955 ...

Four lock-up shops have certificates of exemption under Section 38 (2) and (6) of the Shops Act 1950, sanitary conveniences being available within a reasonable distance.

h) MOVABLE DWELLINGS. Public Health Act 1936. Section 269.

Six caravan licenses were issued and operative during the year. The caravans are situated on single sites for use as living accommodation.

i) SMOKE ABATEMENT.

j)

No action was found necessary.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS.

- (a) Public. No swimming pools are owned by this Authority.
- (b) Private owned and open to the public:—

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY.—A small open-air bath now leased by the Education Committee and used mainly for swimming instruction for schoolchildren. This bath is refilled at netervals, and in the intervening period chlorine solution is sprayed on the surface and the vater agitated.

(c) Private Swimming Pools.

HAWNES SCHOOL, HAYNES PARK.—An open-air pool is provided for this girls' boarding chool. A natural spring gives the pool a continuous flow.

THE KNOLL SCHOOL, ASPLEY HEATH.—A similar boarding school for boys, this has a mall pool filled from the main water supply. It is periodically emptied and refilled.

k) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.

No report of bug infestations were received during the year.

Inspection is made of the furniture of a prospective tenant to ensure that it is free rom vermin before removal to a Council House.

Disinfection is carried out by the Local Authority.

Prevention of re-infestation after cleansing, is secured by re-inspection, advice and upervision.

(I) RODENT CONTROL.

The Council's sewers, sewage disposal plants, sewer ditches and refuse tips are systematically treated.

The Council gives a free service to domestic premises, and occupiers in the main make good use of this facility. The need for reporting the slightest infestation of these disease-carrying vermin cannot be overstressed.

A flat rate charge of 6s. per hour of the Operative's time is made to the occupiers of business premises. This flat rate includes wages, travelling expenses and cost of poison and bait.

During the year visits have been made and treatments given to premises as follows:—722 Domestic Properties; 5 Business Premises; 574 Council Properties (excluding Council Houses); 442 Sewer Ditches; 53 Surveys of Agricultural Properties. Total: 1,796.

During the unusually hot summer, many complaints of wasp infestations were received, and during the months of August and September 253 nests were destroyed.

8. HOUSING.

Housing of the Elderly.

The provision of Bungalow accommodation has continued and additional Bungalows have been completed during the year. Provision has been made for further Schemes and it is expected that during 1960 Tenders will be obtained for the 22 one-bedroom Bungalows at Dengarth, Steppingley Road, Flitwick.

A watchful eye is kept on the Bungalows occupied by the elderly people in order that they may be put in touch with such assistance as they require should the necessity arise.

The Council have considered the position of future building and decided to continue their policy of building the one bedroom bungalows.

Slum Clearance Programme.

During the year under review the Council in dealing with unfit houses included in the Slum Clearance Programme made 6 Demolition Orders and 4 Closing Orders. Owners were prepared to give Informal Undertakings to demolish in six cases and these were accepted by the Council.

10 tenants were rehoused from Slum Clearance properties during the year.

The position at the end of the year is that out of approximately 200 houses to be dealt with in the five-year programme, 62 properties have been the subject of action by the Council. In additional 31 Informal Undertakings have been accepted, 41 properties have also been demolished voluntarily during this period and a further 28 properties have been reconditioned and removed from the Programme.

The work of slum clearance has continued steadily and the policy adopted by the Council ensures the minimum of disturbance with the maximum of benefit. Inspections are now being made in preparation for the second five-year programme.

Improvement Grants.

There has been a steady flow of applications for improvement grants approved by the Council, who are always prepared to assist in improving and modernising old properties.

The Council have continued their policy of making Discretionary Improvement Grants and there has been a steady flow of applications. In addition the applications for Standard Grants have increased. Help, advice and suggestions are given by the Council's Officers to applicants. In difficult cases a special Committee of the Council makes an inspection.

Loans for Owner Occupiers.

During the current year 60 loans were made involving £90,927.

Housing Management.

The Council now has 1,304 Post-war Houses plus 353 Pre-war Houses and owns 10 other Properties, making 1,667 units of accommodation.

The post-war development has been carried out in 23 of the 29 Parishes in the district. Present building is restricted to one bedroom bungalows, on estates where facilities and sites are already available.

The housing waiting lists were revised during the year and resulted in a decrease from 600 to 445 applicants and it is significant to note that of these 235 are householders, many of whom are satisfactorily housed.

It is felt that with an interchange of tenancies of existing houses, and one bedroom bungalows where appropriate, will go a long way towards meeting the requirements of the waiting list for general needs.

It would appear that the Council have now visualised the end of their building programme and the signs are most encouraging.

Wherever possible prompt action is taken by the Council in allocating houses to applicants subjected to Eviction Orders, the aim being to prevent the break-up of families. In connection with this, the District Welfare Officer of the County Welfare Department works in close collaboration with the Council's Housing Department.

The Council is always willing to assist and encourage exchanges of houses both with private landlords and other Councils. This year the following exchanges have been made:—

With Council	tenants within the	district	 	 	4
With Council	house tenants outsi	de the district	 ••	 	4

Housing Estates Generally.

A satisfactory standard of cleanliness is maintained generally and the majority of tenants take a pride in their houses and gardens. There is however the usual hardcore of "problem" families who are however reacting to advice and help. It is considered that this particular phase of the work of the Housing Department is gradually showing an improvement in conditions.

9. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

There were 10 licensed slaughterhouses during the year, of which 7 have been in use.

There were 20 slaughtermen licensed under the Slaughter of Animals Act 1933-54, at the beginning of the year.

(b) MEAT INSPECTION.

Total number of animals slaughtered and inspected—3,694.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part :-

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		Cattle.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep	Pigs.	Horses.
					& Lambs.		
			3	33	2193	877	
lumber inspected	 	 588	3	33	2193	877	

			(x Lamos.		
All diseases except Tuberculosis and						
Cysticerci :						
Whole carcases condemned	_	_	_	1	_	
Carcases of which some part or organ	52			25	21	
was condemned	53	_	_	25	26	-
Percentage of the number inspected						
affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	9.01			1.14	2.96	
Tuberculosis and cysticerci	9.01		_	1,14	2,90	
Whole carcases condemned					1	
Carcases of which some part or organ					1	
was condemned	7	_	_	_	6	_
Percentage of the number inspected						
affected with tuberculosis	1.19	_	_	_	0.79	_
Cysticercosis:						
Carcases of which some part or organ						
was condemned	_	_	_	_	_	
Carcases submitted to treatment by						
refrigeration	_	_	_	_	_	
Generalised and totally condemned	_	_	_	_	_	-
Details of parts found unsound:—						
1 Beast Head (Tuberculosis)				d offal (3	15 lb.) (Tuber-
6 Beast Lungs (Tuberculosis)		culosi				
39 Beast Livers (Flukes)			ads (Tube			
10 Beast Livers (Abscesses)			ers (Milk			
2 Beast Livers (Necrosis) 1 Beast Liver (Cysts)			er (Absce			
1 Beast Liver (Cysts) 1 Beast Kidney (Abscesses)			ngs (Absc ngs (Pneu:			
1 Beast Lungs (Abscesses)			arts (Peric			
1 Beast Tongue (Actino-bacillosis				dronephro	osis)	
23 Sheep Livers (Flukes)				25 lb.) (M		
2 Sheep Livers (Cysts)		, pricep		, (orround,	
(c) FOODS CONDEMNED.						
38 tins of Meat, 40 tins of Vegetal	bles, 17	tins of F	ruit, 5 tir	ns of Mill	k. 2 tins o	of Fish,
2 tins of Cereal, 3 jars of Preserves, 6						
Disposal of Condemned Food.						
All condemned meat is stained be	efore re	moval fr	om slaug	hterhouse	s and pr	ocessed
for animal feeding purposes or buried u	under su	upervision	n.		-	
Other condemned Foods are r	emoved	and bu	aried on	the Cou	ıncil refu	se tips
under supervision.						
(d) HYGIENE OF FOOD PREMIS						
Number and type of food premises	· :—					
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Bakehouses

Cafes ... Fried Fish Shops

Grocers ...

School Canteens ..

Work Canteens ..

Licensed Premises

Butchers ..

Greengrocers Greengrocers ... Confectioners ...

Cafes

Cattle. Cows. Calves. Sheep Pigs. Horses

& Lambs.

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Registered premises, under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955:

Number of Shops registered for the sale of Ice Cream		67
Number of Licensed Premises registered for the sale of Ice Cream	٠.	20
Number of Premises registered for the manufacture of Preserved Meats		12

Inspections of Registered Food Premises.

8 inspections of all registered ice cream premises have been carried out during the year.

The standard of hygiene of these premises is very good and frequent visiting was found to be unnecessary.

With reference to the Ice Cream (heat treatment, etc.) Regulations 1947-52, there are manufacturing premises within the district and the whole of the registered premises retail pre-packed ice cream.

16 inspections of all registered preserved meat premises have been carried out during the year, revisits being made as necessary.

The standard of hygiene of the premises registered for the manufacture of preserved meats was reasonably good, a further improvement being achieved during the year.

Food Hygiene Regulations 1955.

Visits to all food premises were carried out at least once during the year, several premises being revisited again, as necessary.

At the end of the year 86 per cent of the premises conformed with the Regulations, an ncrease over the previous year (then being 83.5 per cent).

All licensed premises were visited but overall the picture was much the same as the previous year. One or two premises have been improved but progress is slow, and only approximately 60 per cent of the premises comply with the Regulations.

e) MILK.

Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949.

• • • •	Numb	er of	Dealers	ons) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations 1949-1953 licensed to use the special designation Pasteurised	4.0
	,,	,,	,,	holding Supplementary Licences to use the special designation	19
				Pasteurised	8
	,,	,,	,,	licensed to use the special designation Sterilised	8
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10. SANITATION IN SCHOOLS.

Further progress has been made during the year in the improvement of sanitation in schools. The new schools with modern drainage at Pulloxhill and Greenfield have now been completed and work for conversion to W.C's. has been completed at Ridgmont and is in progress at Maulden school.

The only schools now without proper drainage are Cranfield C.P. School, which it is hoped will be converted directly the projected public sewer is available; Houghton Conquest; Clophill where conditions are very bad, and at Eversholt, Millbrook, Milton Bryan and Steppingley, the last four all being very small schools.

All schools now have facilities for the washing of hands.

11. PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Notifications by Age Groups.

DISEASE			under 5	5—15	OVER 15	TOTAL	REMOVED TO HOSPITAL
Scarlet Fever			13	41	1	55	4
			252	445	4	701	3
			8	12	1	21	• •
Whooping Cough	• •	• •		2	3	5	
Pneumonia	• •	• •	· ;	3	i	5	
Dysentery		• •	1	3	1	1	1
Food Poisoning			• •	• •	1	1	1
Paratyphoid Fever				• •	·:		• • •
Erysipelas				2	2	4	
Infective Hepatitis					1	1	
Puerperal Pyrexia					2	2	• •
Ophthalmia Neona			4			4	• •
Poliomyelitis	• •	• •	1				
Encephalitis	• •	• •			1	10	

NOTIFICATION BY PARISHES.

Parish		Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Pneumonia	Dysentery	Food Poisoning	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Erysipelas	Infective Hepatitis	Puerperal Pyrexia	Poliomyelitis	Paratyphoid Fever	Encephalitis
Aspley Guise		56	3			1								
Aspley Heath		2										• •	• •	• •
Clophill		40	13										• •	• •
Cranfield		11	4	1	2						2			• •
Eversholt		15			1							• •		• •
Flitton		5	6										• •	• •
Flitwick		114	7	12			1	3	2					• •
Gravenhurst		11										• •		
Harlington		34										• •	• •	• •
Haynes		8										• •	• •	• •
loughton Conquest		33	1											• •
Iulcote & Salford		15		!								• •		• •
lusborne Crawley		7										• •		• •
idlington		20	2	1								• •		• •
larston Moreteyne		4	1		1				1	1	• •	• •		• •
laulden		60	9		'	1						• •		• •
otsgrove		2										٠.		• •
ulloxhill		23	2								• •		• • •	• •
lidgmont		31	6			4			• •		• •	• •		• •
hillington		107	1								• •	٠.	• •	• •
ilsoe			1		1							• •		
teppingley		2									• •	• •		• •
ingrith		10		1						• •	• •		• •	• •
Vestoning		67						i	• •		• •	•••		• •
Voburn	• •	24		6					1					• •
Total		701	55	21	5	5	1	4	4	ı	2			• •

The incidence of infectious disease was low during the year under review except for easles which was widespread throughout the district.

TUBERCULOSIS IN AGE GROUPS.

			New C	Deaths					
Age		Pulme M.	onary.	No Pulmo		Pulmo	onary.	No Pulmo M.	
Under I year 1 year to 5 years 5 years to 15 years 15 years to 35 years 35 years to 65 years Over 65		1+1*		1 1 1	 1 	 			
Tota			2+2*	3	1	1	_		

NUMBER ON REGISTER AT END OF YEAR.

PULMONARY:-

Non-Pulmonary :-

54 males, 44 females.

7 males, 6 females.

TUBERCULOSIS IN PARISHES.

			New C	ases.			Deat	hs.	
Parish.		Pulmo	nary.	No Pulmo M.		Pulmo	onary.	Pulmo	on- onar F.
Aspley Guise Clophill Cranfield Flitwick Houghton Conquest Lidlington Marston Moreteyne Milton Bryan Pulloxhill Shillington	 	1 3 1* 1	1* 1 1 1 		1	1			
Westoning Totals	 ••	5+2*	2+2*	3	1	1	_	-	

^{*}Transferred from another district.

DEATH RATE PER 100,000 OF THE POPULATION.

(Respiratory Tuberculosis)

This District: 4.05. Bedfordshire: 3.4. England and Wales: 7.7.

INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS

1913—1959

			New	Cases	Dea	aths
	Year		Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non- Pulmonary
13—14		 	21.0	3.4	5.2	0.8
15—19	• •	 • •	25.8	4.8	15.0	5.8
20—24	• •	 	24.4	7.2	15.0	6.2
25—29	• •	 	29.4	8.8	11.8	2.4
30—34	Average	 	12.8	4.2	9.8	2.2
35—39		 	9.0	4.2	8.6	2.4
10—44		 	8.2	4.0	6.2	1.6
15—49		 	15.8	3.2	6.4	0.8
0-54		 	17.6	3.8	1.2	0.4
		 	12	4	2	0.4
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7 .		 	i	2	1	1
8 .			10	2	1	1
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MASS RADIOGRAPHY.

No visits were made to the District during the year.

12. IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION.

Immunisation and vaccination is now the responsibility of the County Council a the state of protection of the children of the District is indicated by the tables appearing below, which have been supplied by the Divisional Medical Officer.

IMMUNISATION STATE OF THE CHILD POPULATION.

	under 1	1—4	5—9	10—14	TOTAL UNDER
Children completely protected (i.e. have received Primary or Booster injections since 1.1.1955) Children partially protected (i.e. have received Primary in-	52	938	1,174	1,027	3,191
jection prior to 1.1.1955, but no Booster since)			457	1,086	1,543
-	52	938	1,631	2,113	4,734
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VACCINATIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR.

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	Under 1	1	2-4	5-14	15 & over	
Primary Vaccination	98	4	4	12	21	
Re-Vaccination			l	5	49	

CLEANSING OF VERMINOUS PERSONS.

Scabies.

By arrangement with the Borough of Bedford, infected persons are treated at Borough Treatment Centre, Commercial Road, Bedford, at 10s. per treatment.

Where possible, arrangements are made for the other members of the househol attend for treatment as contacts at the same time as the infected person or persons.

During the year under review no treatments were given.

PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1925, and Sec. 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

No necessity for action under these regulations arose during the year under re-

13. NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 (Section 47).

No action was taken under Section 47 of the Act during the year.

. FACTORIES.

escribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

PART 1 OF THE ACT

 -INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

	Number		Number of	1
Premises	on Register	Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities Factories not included in (i) in which Section	2	_	_	_
7 is enforced by the Local Authority Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority *(ex-	69	_	_	
cluding out-workers' premises)	9	_	_	
Total	80	_		

-CASES IN WHICH **DEFECTS** WERE FOUND.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases.")

	Numbe	Number of			
Particulars	Found	Remedied	Refer To H.M. Inspector		cases in which prosecutions were instituted
nt of cleanliness (S.1.) ercrowding (S.2.) reasonable temperature (S.3.) dequate ventilation (S.4) ffective drainage of floors (S.6) intary Conveniences (S.7) a) insufficient b) Unsuitable or defective c) Not separate for sexes er offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	1	1		1	
Total	1	1		1	

t VIII of the Act.

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

	Section 110			Section 111		
Nature of Work	No. of outworkers in August listrequired by Sect. 110(1)(c)	default	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
aring apparel— laking, etc	41	_	_	_	_	

^{*} i.e., Electrical Stations (Section 103 (1)), Institutions Section (104), and sites of Building erations and Works of Engineering Construction (Sections 107 and 108).

